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REGULAR MEETING of the HAWAII STATE COMMITTEE OF BLIND VENDORS

DATE: Saturday, May 30, 2015

PLACE: Ho`opono Auditorium

1901 Bachelot Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

PRESENT:

1. Committee: Kyle Aihara, Chris Akamine, Dane Alani, Ivy Galariada, Steve Kim, Lyn Pasak, and Don Patterson

Excused: Joel Cho and Clyde Ota

1. Members: Ted Chinn, Clifford Chong, Byron Jitchaku, Kenny Johnson, Todd Lavigne, Gerry Lonergan, Doug Moises, Tom Morikami, Lespaul Naki, Norman Ota, Brandon Tamashiro, Brian Tamashiro, Myles Tamashiro, Warren Toyama, Kristen Tristan, Filo Tu, and Stan Young
2. Ho’opono: SBA Lea Grupen, BEP Manager Kat Fujimoto, VFS Susan Chong and Kyle Laconsay, and Secretary MJ Andres
3. Guests: Evelyn Racpan, Gail Sakamoto, and Dyllon Asami

CALL TO ORDER:

Noting the presence of a quorum, Chair Kyle called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. He reminded the vendors to turn their ballots in before 11:00 a.m. He also reminded the neighbor island vendors to keep track and submit travel documents in a timely manner.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SFY 2016 Budget: BEP Manager Kat read the following summary:

Other Management Services $6,759

Employee Travel $2,024

Blind Vendor Travel $19,398

Repair & Maintenance $26,997

New Equipment $1,920

New Furnishing $3,629

Initial Inventory $26,152

$4K Retirement Benefit $176,000

$4K Medical + $2K Supplement Benefit $264,000

Total Projected Expenses $526,878

Projected Income $564,700

Projected Gain $37,822

Following discussion, Don moved to approve the budget as read. Lyn seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. SFY 2016 Medical and Retirement Benefits: Chair Kyle noted that the finance committee proposed $4K for Medical, $4K Retirement, and a $2K medical supplement to be paid in September. Don moved to approve $4K for Medical, $4K Retirement, and a $2K medical supplement to be paid in September. Steve seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Program Report: BEP Manager Kat noted that there were a lot of movements this past year.

Ivy Galariada moved to a brand new facility VS #67 at joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH).

Don Patterson moved to VS #56 Kapolei Hale.

Ron Flormata moved to VS #62 NCTAMS.

She noted Joaquin Luna decided to leave the program in March and will enter the vending program in Washington State.

With VS #48 State Office Tower open, Norm Ota will be starting on Monday.

Subsequently, there are two facilities available for two certified trainees and introduced were Evelyn Racpan and Gail Sakamoto.

Dane will be moving to West Hawaii Civic Center which should be open in a couple months.

Construction has started in Kamamalu with completion scheduled in 2016. A blind vending facility is being built on the ground floor.

There were six facilities renovated -- Kalanimoku, State Capitol, State Tax Building, Kapolei State Office Building, Ho’opono Snack Shop, and Downtown Post Office.

The Kona Airport renovations were cancelled because the airport is scheduled for a modernization project and the blind vendors will have new spaces.

Kinau Hale renovations through DAGS were cancelled but thanks to VFS Kyle, upgrades to the fire suppression systems were completed and the facility is nearly ready for operation.

Lastly, she noted that we need to thank VRA Albert who has continued to be very generous in providing funds for the upgrades, renovations, replacement of old equipment, and the new contingency to continue for at least another year. She encouraged the vendors to contact the SLA if they need anything for their facilities.

NEXT MEETING: To be announced.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, Chair Kyle asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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